

ABSTRACT

In order to shorten the delivery path of working rolls for their replacement in a rolling mill with support plates which are provided on an operating side (BS) of roll stands (F1-Fi), are displaced transversely to roll axes, are outfitted for receiving working roll sets (4), and are located adjacent to a mill floor level (7) for transporting the working rolls (4) back and forth, and with trenches (10) which are arranged upstream of respective roll stands (F1-Fi) on the operating side (BS) and a base (11) of which is outfitted for delivery of back-up roll sets (9), it is suggested that a transport device (12) be associated a transport device (12) is associated with the support plates (2) for transporting respective support plates (2) back and forth between a position for replacing the working rolls and in which the support plates (2a) are arranged immediately adjacent to the roll stands above the trenches (10), and a position of replacing back-up rolls and in which the support plates (2c) are located beneath the mill floor level (7) adjacent to a trench region.

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